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Applicant:	d'HOND et al.	Examiner:	unknown
Serial No.:	10/009853	Group Art Unit:	unknown
Filed:	December 11, 2001	Docket No.:	9424.168USWO
Title:	DOSING DEVICE ADAPTED FOR DISPENSING A CONCENTRATE FROM A HOLDER IN A METERED MANNER		

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner that they have a commonly assigned co-pending application, Serial No. 10/018232, filed December 12, 2001, and the references listed were cited in the afore-mentioned case. A copy of the specification for Serial No. 10/018232, filed December 12, 2001, is included for the Examiner's review.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.


Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>FORM 1449*</b> <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>  <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 9424.168USWO	Application Number: 10/009853
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,269,443	Dec. 14, 1993	Lancaster			
	3,575,535	Apr. 20, 1971	Bickar			
	5,836,482	Nov. 17, 1998	Ophardt et al.			
	4,334,640	Jun. 15, 1982	van Overbruggen et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	2103296	Feb. 16, 1983	Great Britain				
	0067466	Dec. 22, 1982	Europe				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		



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